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### Amendment Transmittal Letter

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

#### Claims As Amended

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendment – A**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 12 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet, an annotated sheet showing changes and one (1) New Sheet.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 31 of this paper.